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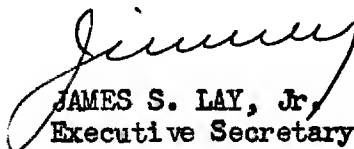
MEMORANDUM FOR
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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Dear

The enclosed letter from Miss Margaret Feldman and its reply by Governor Adams has been sent to this office for information.

However, I would appreciate your advice as to whether you think a further reply is desirable. If so, would you please have a letter drafted, thanking Miss Feldman for her interest and explaining briefly that the National Security Medal is not given for this type of endeavor.


JAMES S. LAY, Jr.
Executive Secretary

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D R A F T

Dear Miss Feldman:

Governor Sherman Adams has sent me your letter, and his reply, concerning the possibility of awarding the National Security Medal to Mr. Joseph C. Harsch for his articles in the Christian Science Monitor in support of President Eisenhower's remarks concerning the national budget.

The National Security Medal was established by Executive Order 10431 of 19 January 1953. Paragraph 1 of the "Regulations Governing the Award of the National Security Medal" reads as follows:

1. The National Security Medal may be awarded to any person without regard to nationality, including a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, who, on or after 26 July 1947, has made an outstanding contribution to the National intelligence effort. This contribution may consist of either exceptionally meritorious service performed in a position of high responsibility or of an act of valor requiring personal courage of a high degree and complete disregard of personal safety.

I am sure, therefore, you will agree with me that Mr. Harsch's activities would not come within the purview of the Executive Order, namely, "an outstanding contribution to the National Intelligence effort."

Thank you very much for your own interest and for your suggestion.

Sincerely,

James S. Lay, Jr.
Executive Secretary
National Security Council

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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24 May 1957

FOR: Mr. James S. Lay, Jr.
Executive Secretary
National Security Council

As you requested in your note of 20 May, attached is a proposed reply to Miss Feldman's letter to The Honorable Sherman Adams (regarding the National Security Medal) which he has forwarded to you for reply.

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Executive Assistant
to the Director

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Remarks:

I do believe Jimmy Lay should make a brief further reply to Miss Feldman somewhat along the lines he suggests and perhaps a short paragraph (taken from the Executive Order) on the purpose of the Medal and something of the circumstances surrounding its award.

Will you kindly draft a proposed reply that I might send back to Mr. Lay.

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Remarks:

Attached is a draft of a proposed reply for Mr. Lay's signature regarding the award of the National Security Medal to Mr. Joseph C. Harsch as proposed by Miss Margaret Feldman in her letter to Governor Sherman Adams dated 15 May 1957.

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